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# RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD & PUBLIC MEETING NCBC GULFPORT

APRIL 17, 2014  
6:00 – 7:30 PM



ISIAH FREDERICKS COMMUNITY CENTER  
3312 MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD  
GULFPORT, MS 39501

# Meeting Format



The April 2014 RAB and Public Meeting was presented in a poster session format to provide an opportunity for community members to engage in an informal dialogue with the Environmental Restoration Program project team.

Fifteen presentation boards were on display at the RAB Meeting. In addition, fact sheets and handouts were also available for further information. Poster stations included:

- ❑ Disaster Recovery Disposal Area (Site 1) Proposed Plan (3 posters)
- ❑ Chronology of Herbicide Orange at NCBC Gulfport (6 posters)
- ❑ Northwest Landfill (Site 3) Remedial Action Update (4 posters)
- ❑ Environmental Restoration Program Update (2 posters)



A court reporter was present at the meeting to provide a verbatim transcript of the Disaster Rubble Disposal Area (Site 1) Proposed Plan discussion (attached to the end of this summary).



# Meeting Outreach

A Public Notice (shown on right) was placed in the *Sun Herald* on Sunday, April 13, 2013 to announce the RAB and Public Meetings and the beginning of the Public Comment Period for the Proposed Plan for Site 1.

- Meeting Announcement -

**Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)**  
**NCBC Gulfport**

- Topics -

Proposed Plan for Site 1 - The Disaster Recovery Disposal Area  
Construction Update: Landfill Cover for The Northwest Landfill (Site 3)


**Where:** Isiah Fredericks Community Center  
3312 Martin Luther King Blvd  
Gulfport, MS 39501

**When:** Thursday, April 17, 2014  
6:00 - 7:30 PM\*

\* Topics will be presented in a poster session format. Please arrive any time between 6:00 and 7:30 PM to discuss topics with project scientists and engineers.



For More Information please contact Gordon Crane:  
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A television reporter attended the meeting and aired a story on the WLOX 10 O'Clock News on April 17, 2014.

**NCBC Gulfport Environmental Public Meeting**



**Topic:** The Proposed Plan Site 1, Disaster Recovery Disposal Area

**Thursday, April 17, 2014**  
6:00-7:30 PM

**Isiah Fredericks Community Center**  
3312 Martin Luther King Boulevard  
Gulfport, Mississippi

The Navy will be discussing their Proposed Plan to address contaminants found in soils and groundwater at Site 1, the Disaster Recovery Disposal Area, at the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) Gulfport. The plan proposes to maintain the existing 2-foot minimum clean soil cover, excavate a small area of surface soil that is contaminated with dieldrin (a pesticide), clean out and repair ditches and culverts to restore optimal drainage conditions on site, restrict future land use, and monitor groundwater to ensure that contaminants are not leaving the site. The existing soil cover would continue to prevent direct contact with the contaminated water and soils and would therefore be protective of human health and the environment.

A **Public Comment Period** for the this cleanup proposal will begin on April 14, 2014 and end on May 17, 2014. Copies of the Proposed Plan and other associated reports will be available for review during the comment period at a the NCBC Gulfport Information Repository located in the Gulfport Public Library at 1708 25th Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi, 39501.

For more information, please contact the NCBC Gulfport Installation Restoration Program Manager at (228) 229-0446 or [gordon.crane@navy.mil](mailto:gordon.crane@navy.mil)

Flyers were mailed to the interested parties on the RAB mailing list.



# Key Concerns Expressed by Community Members

## Site 1 Proposed Plan:

**Question:** What happened to all of the materials that were disposed of at Site 1?

**Response:** Site 1 contained a lot of normal household garbage which would slowly rot and degrade, but would typically not create an environmental hazard. During the investigation we did not find any harmful chemicals leaving the site, nor did we find any harmful chemicals within the site at high concentrations. Our goal with the proposed soil cover is to protect people from coming into contact with the landfill contents. We will also continue to take groundwater samples around the site to make sure that no contaminants leave the landfill.

**Question:** Is there a concern about water getting into the waste and causing it to move from the site?

**Response:** Our studies showed us that landfill materials are not leaving the site. However, there are still contaminants within the former landfill, so the cover is being reinforced to prevent the landfill contents from leaving and groundwater samples will track the effectiveness of the cover.

**Question:** So there is still something in the ground?

**Response:** Yes, the waste is contained within the landfill.

## Meeting Format:

**Comment:** I feel that this meeting format [posters instead of a presentation] is designed to limit public input. I prefer the old style of meeting when everyone hears everyone else's concerns and your responses.

**Response:** The Navy is requiring this format for public meetings because we believe that participants are being given a better opportunity for more balanced participation and a personal response to questions and concerns. However, our goal is to provide the best opportunity for communication with the public and we are open to learning more about your concerns.

Note: All questions and responses are not intended to be verbatim. Instead, they are the best summary of key concerns and responses expressed at the meeting.

# Meeting Attendees

**RAB Members:**

Gordon Crane (NCBC Gulfport Representative)  
Bob Fisher (Naval Facilities Engineering Command)  
David Marshall  
Bob Merrill (Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality)  
Philip Shaw

**Community Members:**

Frances Fredericks

**Navy Representatives:**

Lisa Noble (NCBC Gulfport Environmental Manager)

**Technical Support:**

Greg Roof (Tetra Tech Project Manager)  
William Olson (Tetra Tech Lead Geologist)  
Nancy Rouse (Tetra Tech Community Relations Specialist)

**Other Guests:**

Coray Grace (WLOX-TV)  
Gloria Tatum (MDEQ Public Participation Contractor)